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Sir:

The Examiner is advised that the patents and publication listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation form HDP-1449 have come to the attention of applicant and/or applicant's attorney. Copies of these patents and publication are enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

These patents and publication are all discussed in the Background And Summary Of The Invention wherein the relevance of these patents and publication is explained.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims presently pending in this application clearly distinguish over each of these patents and publication both individually as well as in combination and favorable consideration and allowance thereof is courteously requested.

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